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SUBJ: REPPAS

REFS: A) TANANARIVE 968; B) TANANARIVE 895

1. CONSOFF VISITED REPPAS 31JUL. FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS, REPPAS IN GOOD SPIRITS. LAWYER RAVONY HAD NOT VISITED CLIENT BUT WORD RECEIVED THAT HEARINGS BEFORE JUGE D'INSTRUCTION HAD NOT BEGUN. WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE, CONVERSATION WANDERED INTO DISCUSSION OF PRISON LIFE AND DIFFICULTIES OF BAKING CAKES ON HOT PLATE.
2. CONSOFF INFORMED REPPAS THAT HIS LATEST LETTER TO AMB HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO DEPT AND THAT DEPT WOULD RESPOND TO ANY CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING HIS CASE.
3. NEWSWEEK NAIROBI BUREAU CHIEF ANDREW JAFFEE, CURRENTLY IN TANANARIVE ON REPPAS STORY ASSIGNMENT FROM HEADQUARTERS, SEEKING VISIT REPPAS IN PRISON. FYI: JAFFEE INDICATED TO EMBASSY HE WAS PREPARED USE SUBTERFUGE TO GET INTO PRISON SINCE NORMALLY ACCESS LIMITED TO LAWYERS AND FAMILIES OF DETAINEES. END FYI. JAFFEE GIVEN UNCLASSIFIED BRIEFING FOR NON-ATTRIBUTION BY EMBASSY ON STEPS TAKEN BY EMBASSY ON REPPAS' BEHALF. HOWEVER, NO MENTION MADE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOMR AUTHORITIES ON HOW CASE AFFECTS BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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4. IN VIEW OFA NOTE (REF B) SAYING THAT "UNLESS THERE ARE

DILATORY MANEUVERS ON PART OF REPPAS AND ASSOCIATES, TRIAL WILL
TAKE PLACE TOWARD END OF JULY OR BEGINNING OF AUGUST 1973",
EMBASSY PLANS INITIATE LOW KEY FOLLOW-UP WITH MINISTRY.MENDENHALL

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